

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

November 6, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON;  
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer;  
LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City  
Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator;  
LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; SYLVIA ALLEN, Recreation Director;  
CHIEF LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources  
Administrator; ABDOUL GAFOUR, Water Utility Supervisor; SANDRA  
MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; COMMANDER KATHLEEN  
MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**PRESS**

Sean Gillespie, *South County Journal*

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER,  
COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2000, AS  
PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**SWEARING-IN  
CEREMONY**

Council: Terri Briere  
Swearing-in

Judge Robert McBeth, King County District Court, administered the oath of  
office to Terri Briere, who on October 23, 2000, was selected by a majority of  
the Councilmembers to fill vacant Council Position #6, formerly held by Tim  
Schlitzer. Ms. Briere will serve out the remainder of the term to its expiration on  
December 31, 2001.

**RECESS**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL RECESS  
FOR TEN MINUTES FOR CAKE AND REFRESHMENTS. CARRIED.  
Time: 7:35 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:47 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers  
present.

**PROCLAMATION**

“Free Enterprise Month” –  
November, 2000

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of November,  
2000, to be “Free Enterprise Month” in the City of Renton, and encouraging all  
citizens to believe in the principles and values of free enterprise and seek to  
deepen their understanding of and appreciation for the American Free Enterprise  
System. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL  
CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Stephanie Thompson, Hazen High School Marketing Education Program student,  
accepted the proclamation.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

King County: Ballot Measure  
re: 2% Sales Tax (Metro)

Jim Jacobson, Manager of Transit Service Development at King County Metro,  
reported on the King County Department of Transportation’s proposed 2001  
budget. Using current levels of revenue, which account for the reductions due to  
the passage of I-695, the proposed budget includes annual administrative cuts of  
approximately \$14 million, a 15% reduction in service levels, and a potential fare  
increase.

Continuing, Mr. Jacobson explained that if voters approve the Metro Transit

Ballot Measure which proposes a 2% sales tax increase, the King County Executive is prepared to submit an alternative transit budget which would increase service hours by 18% over the next six years. He pointed out that the alternative budget also proposes using \$25 million to work with local jurisdictions to upgrade traffic signals to improve the movement of buses on major transportation corridors.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* The Renton 2001 Centennial Calendar is scheduled to arrive in homes in December. For a preview of the calendar, log on to Renton's website at [www.ci.renton.wa.us](http://www.ci.renton.wa.us).
- \* Renton's first gateway entrance sign was recently installed at the intersection of SW Grady Way and Oakesdale Ave SW.
- \* On October 26th, the Olympic Pipeline Company excavated a section of the 14" petroleum pipeline in the vicinity of Oakesdale Ave., north of SW 27th St., to repair an anomaly located during an internal inspection.
- \* Over 500 children and parents attended the City's annual Holiday Boo Carnival at the Community Center on October 27th.

Public Works: Olympic  
Pipeline Hydrostatic Testing

Responding to Council inquiry, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman explained that the Olympic Pipeline Company is under orders from the Office of Pipeline Safety to internally inspect all of their pipelines. He described the two inspection devices that are being used: the magnetic flux detection device and the deformation test. Mr. Zimmerman reported that within the next 30 days, sections of the pipeline are going to be dug up throughout Renton for the inspection of anomalies detected during the pipeline's internal inspection.

Mayor Tanner added that once the anomalies are repaired, Olympic Pipeline Company will then conduct hydrostatic testing on the pipeline.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Parks: Community Services  
Dept Ordinance

Community Services Department recommended approval of a housekeeping ordinance which officially recognizes the Community Services Department. The Department reorganized in 1990, and the proposed ordinance will update the City Code to reflect the change. Council concur. (See page 390 for ordinance.)

Human Services: 2001 CDBG  
Funds Reallocation for St.  
Stephen Transitional Housing  
Program

Human Services Division requested approval to reallocate St. Stephen Transitional Housing Program's 2001 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 from the acquisition of property to the relocation of families since the organization was able to purchase a building with other funding. Refer to Community Services Committee; and set a public hearing on December 4, 2000, to consider the change in the use of funding.

Annexation: Knight, 144th Ave  
SE & SE 132nd St, Zoning

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested the second of two public hearings be set on November 20, 2000, to consider final zoning for the Knight Annexation (approximately 46 acres located in the general vicinity of 144th Ave. SE and SE 132nd St.). Council concur.

Plat: Stone Lane, Queen Ave NE (PP-00-082)      Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Stone Lane Preliminary Plat; 14 single family lots on 1.51 acres located on Queen Ave. NE between NE 5th and 6th Streets (PP-00-082). Council concur.

Human Resources: Actuarial Study on Self-Insured Programs, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP      Human Resources & Risk Management Department recommended approval for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to perform an actuarial study in the amount of \$29,000 on the City's four self-insured programs which include: Workers Compensation; Liability; Medical, Dental, Prescription Drugs, Vision; and LEOFF I. Refer to Finance Committee.

Utility: Utility Systems Development Connection Charges Increase      Planning/Building/Public Works Department requested approval to increase the Utility Systems Development Charges that new developments are assessed to hook-up to the City's water, wastewater and surface water utilities. Refer to Utilities Committee.

Police: Marine Patrol Services, City of Mercer Island      Police Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of Mercer Island in the amount of \$21,696 for marine patrol services. Council concur. (See page 389 for resolution.)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Citizen Comment: Quesenberry – Automated Payment Procedure for Utility Bills      Correspondence was read from Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058, requesting the City implement an automated payment procedure for utility bills via either the Internet or by telephone. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Mayor Tanner advised that the City is currently researching the matter of automating utility bill payments.

Citizen Comment: Quesenberry – Released Convicted Sex Offenders Notification via Utility Bills      Correspondence was read from Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058, requesting that notification of the release of convicted sex offenders be included with the utility bills. She also questioned whether the Police Department notifies the community of juvenile sex offenders in the same manner as adult sex offenders. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Councilman Clawson suggested posting notifications of released convicted sex offenders on the City's web page.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Planning & Development Committee**

Planning: Airport Rezone P-Suffix Zone

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the public notification provision for Renton Municipal Airport P-1 zone. The Committee was advised on October 19, 2000, that an administrative interpretation concluded that existing P-Suffix provisions will continue to have full public review. The City Attorney issued an opinion on November 1, 2000, which states that there is no required public hearing for the P-Suffix zoning when there is an assignment or sublease of property at the airport. Further action is not required. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

##### **Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 186959 – 187397, and one wire transfer totaling \$2,613,859.51; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 28453 – 28690 and 528 direct deposits totaling \$1,021,788.18. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON,

**COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Executive: Renton Chamber of  
Commerce Services Contract

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the contract for services with the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce provides a number of quantifiable services that benefit the City of Renton. To help ensure that these services continue, the Finance Committee recommended concurrence in the Administration's recommendation to enter into an agreement for services, whereby the City would partially compensate the Chamber for providing certain services.

To help maintain these services, the City will pay the Chamber of Commerce \$7,740 annually. The City would also maintain the parking lot immediately south of the Chamber building. The agreement would run concurrent with the land lease between the Chamber and the City.

Further, the Committee recommended that Council: 1) authorize the execution of the agreement for services between the City and the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce, and 2) authorize the Administration to appropriate \$7,740 in the 2001 Non-Departmental budget of the General Fund for this purpose. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Parks: Maplewood Golf Course  
Driving Range Renovation  
Project, Additional Funds

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the allocation of additional funds for the Maplewood Golf Course Driving Range Renovation Project. The Community Services Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to allocate an additional \$25,200 from the golf course 424 account to cover additional costs associated with the driving range renovation project including fill material, plan revisions and bonding requirements. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Transportation (Aviation)**  
**Committee**

Airport: Aeropacific Aviation  
Request to Operate Aircraft  
Charter at Airport

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding Aeropacific Aviation, Inc.'s request for an airport operating permit. The Committee met on this issue on two occasions. Testimony received by the Committee has revealed the following facts:

1. The Renton Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport.
2. The City of Renton does not have the authority to limit or restrict, in any way, the type or style of plane that can take-off or land at the Renton Airport.
3. The City of Renton cannot pass an ordinance limiting the noise an airplane can make.
4. If the City of Renton attempts to restrict the noise, type or style of aircraft that can land or take-off from the airport, it is in jeopardy of losing federal airport funds and may be required to pay back monies already received.
5. Current Renton Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations do not prohibit the leasing of space to any particular type or style of aircraft.
6. Aeropacific Aviation, Inc. has presented evidence to the Committee that the jet aircraft they propose to base at the Renton Airport is quieter than aircraft currently based at the airport.
7. Currently there are two private jet aircrafts based at the airport with operating permits.

8. Current economic development efforts would benefit from private jet aircraft being based at the airport.
9. Aeropacific Aviation, Inc. is willing to make voluntary commitments, in writing, restricting the take-off and landing of their aircraft.
10. Aeropacific Aviation, Inc. is willing to make voluntary commitments, in writing, specifying the type of aircraft they will base at the airport.
11. Aeropacific Aviation, Inc. is willing to make voluntary commitments, in writing, agreeing not to do pilot training or touch and go landings at the Renton Airport.
12. The Renton Airport is important to the economy of Renton.
13. The future direction of business growth at the airport needs a policy decision by the entire City Council.
14. The Federal Aviation Administration's position is that the City of Renton cannot base a decision to lease or not lease space on the type, style or noise of an aircraft.
15. The Transportation (Aviation) Committee is very concerned about the noise the airport generates and its impact on our neighborhoods.
16. The Transportation (Aviation) Committee is concerned the current lease for this space would allow the basing of noisier seaplanes and turbo-prop airplanes.

The Transportation (Aviation) Committee has concluded the future business growth of the Renton Municipal Airport is an important economic issue that should be discussed by the City Council as a whole. The Committee also has concluded that any future plans for the airport must take into consideration protection of our neighborhoods. Protection measures such as those agreed to by the applicant are a first step. Therefore, the Committee recommended the issue of the Aeropacific operating permit be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 4, 2000, for discussion on the policy of issuing operating permits and leases to private jet aircraft. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.\*

Responding to Councilman Corman's inquiry regarding item number 14, Mayor Tanner remarked that although he is not aware of any regulations that require a City-owned airport to lease to anyone it does not want to, it is the Federal Aviation Administration's position that the City cannot base a decision to lease or not lease space depending on the type, style or noise of an aircraft. Pointing out that pressure is growing for jet aircraft to be based elsewhere since Boeing Field is running out of space, Mayor Tanner cautioned Council to carefully consider the matter because the Renton Airport could potentially end up becoming a small Boeing Field.

\*MOTION CARRIED.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3474**

Police: Marine Patrol Services,

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Mercer Island for Marine Patrol Services.

City of Mercer Island

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 11/13/00 for second and final reading:

Parks: Community Services  
Dept Ordinance

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 5, Community Services Department, of Title III (Departments) of City Code by establishing the Community Services Department and Divisions and duties thereof. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/13/00. COUNCIL CONCUR.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Budget: 2001

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested that the Finance Department provide answers prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 13, 2000, to previously asked questions from the Council regarding the 2001 Budget. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington assured Council that the Finance Department is working on answering those questions.

Council: Meeting Cancellations  
(11/27/00, COW & Regular  
Meeting)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CANCEL THE REGULARLY-SCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2000. CARRIED.

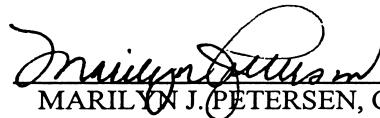
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 40 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY TRANSACTION. CARRIED. Time: 8:42 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:20 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:21 p.m.



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk